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Sustainable Development:

I am all for Metropolitan Planning and believe we must do something on this front. First, you should talk with Doug Tsao at EPA. At Keith and my suggestion, he has put together a bunch of new proposals that I believe are good policy directed at sustainable urban development. I would suggest we sit down with Doug, Jano Lieber (DOT), Emil Parker, Julian Potter, and Robert Fairweather at OMB to discuss their proposal.

I am concerned very much about the general approach and cost of our proposal. \$1 billion over five years is an incredible sum in this budget. In addition, what do plan to focus your tax incentives on? Do you plan to give communities money to buy land and lock it up from development?

Metro planning is essentially, as you note in your paper, a local and state issue. The Feds do not have to provide a lot in resources to get a big bang. I think we should think smaller.